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(NEW YORK POST EDITORIAL 30 SEPTEMBER "THE CIA'S NEW REVELATIONS")

(TEXT) A MACABRE CIA DOCUMENT REPORTEDLY BEING CIRCULATED AMONG
SELECT CONGRESSMEN WILL ACCENTUATE NATIONAL DISQUIET OVER THIS
AGENCY. THIS CRUDE OPERATION STIRS ANEW THE QUESTION OF WHETHER

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THE CIA IS BECOMING A THREAT TO THE FREE AND OPEN SOCIETY IT IS
SUPPOSED TO BE DEFENDING AGAINST TOTALITARIAN SUBVERSION.

ACCORDING TO DAVID WISE, HERALD TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT AND COAUTHOR
OF A VOLUME CALLED "THE INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT," A THOUGHTFUL AND
DISTURBING ACCOUNT OF CIA INTRIGUE, THE CURRENT EXHIBIT PURPORTS
TO DESCRIBE A MASSIVE CAMPAIGN BEING WAGED BY THE SOVIET SECRET
INTELLIGENCE APPARATUS TO STIGMATIZE AND DEFAME THE CIA. THE SOVIET
KGB, IT IS SAID, HAS ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL BRANCH, A "DEPARTMENT OF
DISINFORMATION," WHOSE ASSIGNMENT FROM THE POLITBURO IS TO DISCREDIT
THE CIA, J. EDGAR HOOVER AND THE FBI, THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE
PACE CORPS, AND THE USIA. THIS DEPARTMENT OF DISINFORMATION,
ACCORDING TO THE CIA REPORT, "PRODUCES BETWEEN 350 RPT 350 AND
400 RPT 400 DEROGATORY ITEMS ANNUALLY."

IT THIS A MAJOR REVELATION? HAS ANYONE EVER DOUBTED THAT THE
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SOVIET GOVERNMENT SEEKS SYSTEMATICALLY TO FRUSTRATE AND COUNTER THE
EFFORST OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT? ARE THE CIA AND THE FBI ANY MORE
THAN DEAN RUSK AND SARGENT SHRIVER, TO BE IMMUNE FROM LEGITIMATE
PUBLIC CRITICISM BECAUSE THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT RUNS SUCH AN
APPARATUS?

WAS IT A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINFORMATION THAT

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TRIED TO BRIBE PREMIER LEE OF SINGAPORE? THAT OPERATION DID MORE
TO DAMAGE THE CIA AND THE UNITED STATES THAN THE WORK OF ALL THE
SOVIET OPERATIVES IN MALAYSIA. IS THE CIA SUGGESTING THAT ITS
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BAY OF PIGS FIASCO WAS THE (?FAULT) OF KGB
AGENTS? IF NOT, HOULD ITS BLUNDERS BE EXEMPT FROM CONGRESSIONAL
SCRUTINY? WAS SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S EFFORT TO EXPOSE THE ROLE OF THE
CIA IN FEEDING THE PRESIDENT FAULTY INFORMATION IN LAST APRIL'S
DOMINICAN CRISIS THE WORK OF AN AGENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
DISINFORMATION? THE CIA REPORT WOULD SOUND LIKE SOMETHING ART
BUCHWALD PLANTED ON CAPITOL HILL IF ITS IMPLICATIONS WERE LESS
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WASHINGTON AS DESIGNED TO BLOCK A NEW EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A
CONGRESSIONAL WATCHDOG COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE AGENCY AS WELL AS
TO COUNTER SOME OF THE CRITICISMS BEING LEVELED AGAINST IT.

WE DO NOT KNOW WHA THE CONGRESSIONAL RESPONSE WILL BE TO THIS
CIA EXERCISE. OUR OWN VIEW IS THAT IT FORTIFIES THE CASE FOR CLOSER
CONGRESSIONAL SCRUTINY OF THE AGENCY'S WORK. THE TRUE TEST OF A
STRONG SOCIETY AND A FREE PEOPLE, OUR LEADERS HAVE OFTEN TOLD US,
IS THEIR CAPACITY FOR FRANK APPRAISAL OF THEIR OWN SHORTCOMINGS.

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PROCEDURES ARE BUILT INTO OUR SOCIET FOR CORRECTING ERROT AND
REMEDIYING WEAKNESS.

THE EFFECT OF THE CIA DOCUMENT IS TO LABEL CRITICISM OF ITS DEEDS
AS THE WORK OF ENEMY AGENTS AND TO CLOG THE (?CHANNELS) OF FREE
DEBATE THAT ARE BOTH INTRINSIC TO AN OPEN SOCIETY AND ITS PROUDEST
BOAST. IS A "DEPARTMENT OF MISINFORMAIRMATION" THE ANSWER TO THE
SOVIET DEPARTMENT OF DISINFORMATION?"

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